

Top 10 Reasons to Upgrade to Windchill® 9.1

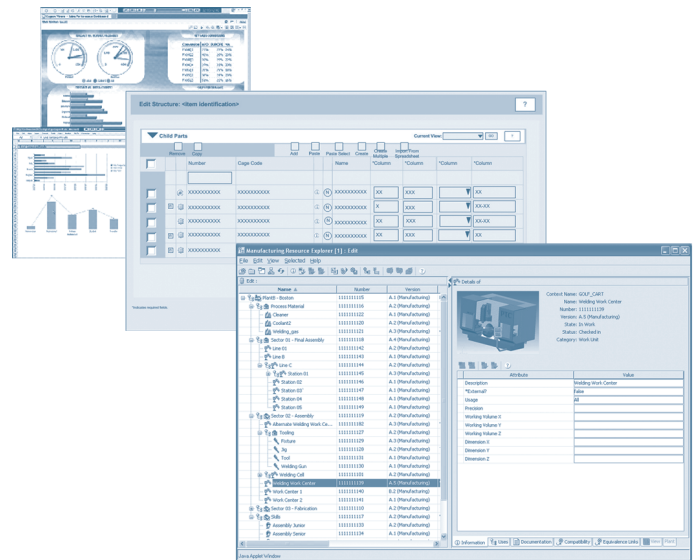
With support for key product development processes, plus a host of improvements in enterprise product content management and usability, Windchill 9.1 offers immediate solutions to business initiatives such as lowering product costs, achieving greater design reuse, and improving productivity.

Here are the top ten reasons why upgrading to Windchill 9.1 can benefit your organization:

1. Strengthens Business Processes

Windchill 9.1 accelerates key product development processes for companies of all sizes. In today's environment, where more products are demanded in less time, Windchill 9.1 provides new capabilities that eliminate duplicate efforts and unnecessary overhead, allow for better collaboration, and improve productivity. Specifically, Windchill 9.1 helps optimize the following business processes which are described in the subsequent sections:

- Manufacturing
 - Manufacturing Process Management: Concurrent development of product designs and manufacturing processes
- Engineering
 - Change and Configuration Management: Streamlining change management approval cycles
 - Detailed Design: Controlling and coordinating complex design activities
 - Variant Design and Generation: Managing multiple design configurations of the same basic product
 - Design Outsourcing: Effectively coordinating product design activities with contract designers and vendors
- Publishing
 - Technical Publications: Improving the collaboration and accuracy of product-related documentation



Windchill 9.1 offers many exciting enhancements, including increased usability, interactive reports, and expanded Manufacturing Process Management capabilities.

2. Strengthen Manufacturing Process Management

With the optional Windchill® MPMLink™ module, manufacturing and design engineers can concurrently define the product design and its manufacturing process deliverables. Windchill MPMLink allows manufacturing engineers to create manufacturing process deliverables from the same product information that's being defined by engineering, with an integral solution where product, process and resource data are all managed in a single system without the need for data duplication. By easily transforming engineering models into manufacturing Bill of Materials (mBOMs) and manufacturing processes, you ensure that the product will be accurately manufactured according to the design specification.

With the release of Windchill MPMLink 9.1, accommodations have been made for the creation of alternate BOMs describing the different manufacturing variations that can produce the same part. Also, a new Gantt Explorer provides an easy-to-use interactive environment to review and analyze one or more manufacturing process plans. Plus, enhanced, secure publishing of manufacturing deliverables to major ERP systems enable a smooth transition to production. And, by having a single system for change management across engineering and manufacturing, you eliminate duplicate entries and potential miscommunications, while reducing overall cost.

3. Streamlined Engineering Processes

Windchill 9.1 helps you advance key engineering processes, so you can meet today's challenges of increasing demand for customer specific products, growing global competition, and accelerating New Product Introductions (NPIs).

- Windchill 9.1 helps you quickly define and validate product variations, so you can meet customer specific product requirements without increasing costs or lengthening delivery schedules.
- Design outsourcing processes have been improved with the ability to create and manage packages of design information (parts, CAD models, change objects, documents), for sharing with external partners
- Design efficiency has been enhanced with many new CAD data management capabilities. Now you can import and export objects within the workspace, view just the latest revision, and copy assembly structures in the workspace (e.g., update the parent).
- Windchill 9.1 helps designers quickly execute product configuration changes with improved capabilities such as browser-based product structure editing; flexible part numbering policies and serialization; improved effectivity propagation; and additional capabilities for handling alternate and substitute parts.
- To expedite the change process, Windchill 9.1 makes it easier to create, group and manage change requests with enhanced capabilities such as improved out-of-the-box tasks, streamlined and more flexible user interactions, and the efficient capturing of all important decisions.
- With manufacturing being done on a global basis. Windchill 9.1 offers out-of-the-box processes for both capturing and controlling all variance decisions, regardless of where the decision was made or what locations are impacted.

4. Integral Solution for Managing Technical Publications

With the integration of Windchill and Arbortext, you can now optimize and streamline your technical publications process by creating content using an XML-based component approach. It reduces problems such as manual/disconnected document hand-offs, repetitive document creation work, and expensive translations. With Windchill 9.1, Windchill ProjectLink now 'understands' Arbortext-authored documents, so that authors can collaborate during the document development process and project managers can track technical publication tasks throughout the product development process.

5. Enhanced Usability

Windchill 9.1 improves usability with streamlined user interactions and powerful role-based user interface configuration capabilities. Other usability improvements include new object information pages, improved tables (with column resize and column freeze), a unified part model, form enhancements, workflow improvements, support for Adobe forms, dynamic thumbnail navigation, and a common UI framework. Bottom line: fewer steps and less time is needed to perform many common tasks.

6. Improved Supportability

Windchill 9.1 uses the industry standard Log4J and JMX frameworks to monitor system activities, allowing you to easily enable verbosity without restarting the server, tailor log files to monitor specific activities and obtain an accurate snapshot view of the system in real time. Audit management now includes more objects and events, and has the ability to export and purge audit history. The event framework has been enhanced to efficiently handle subscriptions and notifications, as well as manage additional information. Lastly, the user now has querying capabilities for constructing custom inquiries and reports.

7. New Reporting Capabilities

Windchill 9.1 enhances your reporting capabilities with Windchill Business Reporting, based on the industry-leading Cognos 8 Business Intelligence. It includes free, pre-built reports using the Cognos framework. The optional Business Report Author module allows you to use Cognos to create your own reports or modify existing ones.

8. Faster Visualization

Windchill 9.1 includes embedded ProductView Lite visualization capabilities that has dramatically improved performance in the loading, rendering, and interaction of visual data. Now, extremely large visual data models can be easily shared across multiple, remote sites.

9. Consistent MCAD Data Management Experience

Regardless of which CAD applications your company uses, Windchill 9.1 offers a consistent way to manage your CAD data. Modeled after the Pro/ENGINEER – Windchill integration, Windchill Workgroup Managers give any MCAD user capabilities that previously were only available to Pro/ENGINEER users.

10. Enhanced Replication

In order to support a global product development effort, one must have an effective infrastructure to coordinate with other sites, partners, and suppliers. Windchill 9.1 provides comprehensive and flexible replication capabilities that can be configured to minimize network load and optimize system performance for remote users and external partners. It also reduces replication setup and administrative maintenance. Thus, design content can be easily dispersed and coordinated among distributed design teams.

Windchill 9.1 – Streamlining Your Product Development Processes

Windchill 9.1 accelerates key product development processes for companies of all sizes. In an environment where more products are demanded in a shorter time-period, Windchill 9.1 helps improve your business processes and productivity so that more products can be developed and shipped then ever before.

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